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DEQ Seeks Nominations for 2008 Gulf Guardian Awards

BATON ROUGE - The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality is seeking entries for the Gulf Guardian Awards Program. As a partner with the Gulf of Mexico Program, DEQ is encouraging Louisiana residents to nominate citizens, companies and organizations that are taking positive steps to keep the Gulf of Mexico and associated coastal water habitats healthy, beautiful and productive.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Gulf of Mexico Program created the Gulf Guardian Award in 2000. The award was developed as a way to honor individuals and groups who are striving to make an environmental difference in the Gulf of Mexico. Each year, first, second and third place awards are given in six categories: Business, Government, Civic/Nonprofit, Youth/Education, Partnerships and Individuals.

"Many people in Louisiana work hard to protect and improve the state's coastal environment. The Gulf is an area that provides natural, economic and cultural riches to our state and nation," said Alex Appeaning, DEQ Deputy Secretary. "We want to encourage everyone to submit nominations for this good work."

Entry forms for the 2008 Gulf Guardian Award are available online at www.epa.gov/gmpo/gulfguard.html

The deadline for nominations is May 1. Please complete the form and email it to gulf.guardian@epa.gov. For assistance with the application process or for more information call Dugan Sabins with DEQ at 225-219-3553.

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